

The Weather

Today: Partly sunny, 78°F (26°C)
Tonight: Scattered showers, 64°F (18°C)
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Students See Change After Accounts Fiasco

By Brett Altschul
STAFF REPORTER

In the wake of the news that the Office of Residence and Campus Activities mishandled transactions totalling nearly \$140,000 in student activities funds, student groups are angered but optimistic that news of the mismanagement will force changes to be made to a system that they have long suspected was not working.

The now-defunct student group Safewalk accumulated a deficit of about \$20,000, almost half of the \$50,000 estimated to be owed by student groups, before shutting down last year, said Associate Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Andrew M. Eisenmann '75.

Eisenmann said that Safewalk accumulated this debt because it began with a set endowment and never raised additional funds. The group continued to pay its employees even when no funds were available, leading to the debt. Safewalk ceased to exist last year because of a lack of use, Campus Police said fall.

Eisenmann said that RCA hoped to give student groups a full listing of their expenditures over the last three years on Friday. "The totals pretty much exist now, but we're rechecking them and preparing other information to go with them," he said.

Outside accounts may be allowed

RCA has obtained an entirely new software package for managing student accounts, Eisenmann said. The new software is superior because it is a commercial accounting program, he said. The old program used by RCA was a custom-written program with a relational database program.

There is also a draft proposal before senior officers of MIT to allow student groups to keep outside accounts, Eisenmann said. He said that he expected the plan to be approved, given the recent fiasco and the fact that many groups still have illicit outside accounts.

About two-thirds of student groups — probably over 100 — cur-

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Athena System Release 8.0 Moves DEC's Out Of Clusters

By Dan McGuire
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The new Athena System Release 8.0 is in the process of bringing about a number of changes in Athena clusters throughout campus.

Probably the most visible change is that Athena will no longer run on DECstation 5000s or IBM RS/6000s.

Those platforms are being phased out by Information Systems and have been replaced in Athena clusters by Silicon Graphics Indy workstations and Sun Sparcstation 4s.

"One of the reasons that we're taking the DEC's out is that none of the third parties that make software are porting to the DEC anymore," said William D. Catey, leader of I/S Deliver Athena Team.

The DEC is "a dead platform," Catey said. Framemaker, for example, from Frame Technologies is no longer being maintained for DEC's, he said.

"There are already compatibility problems with the DEC's," said Naomi B. Schmidt, manager of educational planning and support for I/S. There is "a lot of software that won't run on [the DEC's]. You couldn't run Netscape on them," she said.

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With the new Athena Release 8.0, Sun and Indy stations are replacing older machines in Athena clusters across MIT.

Graduate Orientation Activities Greet 1,200

By Jennifer Lane
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Graduate student residence and orientation kicks off today with events aimed at easing the transition for the 1,200 new graduate students entering MIT.

Among the events scheduled over the next few days are a hiking trip on Saturday, a cruise on the Boston Harbor on Sunday, and a cruise on the Charles River on Monday.

Thursday at noon is the GSC's annual picnic at Killian Court, where President Charles M. Vest, GSC President Constantine A. Morfopoulos G, and several deans

will address graduate students.

"That is our premier event," said Paul Westbrook G, the co-chair of the GSC orientation committee. Students, who sit in areas grouped by their academic departments, get to "meet the people in their department and get free lunch," he said.

The GSC is also running an information booth in Lobby 10 where they will be providing "lots of information about MIT," from details about the new discount T pass program to the GSC Grocery Shuttle.

Workers will be handing out "MIT Express," a quick information guide that includes phone numbers and other information about academic departments and student activities, Westbrook said.

New graduate students will also be able to obtain a "student advantage card" in Lobby 10. With this card, graduate students can receive discounts from "all sorts of national and local retailers," said Geoffrey J. Coram G, co-chair of the GSC housing and community affairs committee.

Orientation introduces GSC

A secondary purpose of graduate student orientation is to introduce new students to the Graduate Student Council, said Constantine A. Morfopoulos G, president of the GSC.

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Local Booksellers Offer Alternatives To the Coop for Textbook Purchases

By David D. Hsu
NEWS EDITOR

Every term, students empty their wallets to purchase textbooks. A single textbook can cost up to \$90, and even though students have little choice over which books they have to buy, they can make an educated decision about where to buy them.

Most MIT students buy their books from the Coop in Kendall Square, but the Alpha Phi Omega book exchange, MIT Press, Quantum Books, and Text Express provide inexpensive alternatives, although they often have less exhaustive inventories.

Coop offers thorough inventory

The Coop at Kendall Square offers a broad selection of textbooks.

Through last Friday, the Coop had 1,400 titles for 550 courses, said Coop General Manager Allan Powell. The number usually increases after Registration Day.

Stock is based on requests from professors, Powell said. Professors tell the Coop which books are required and which are recommended, he said.

Prices are decided based on a markup structure, Powell said. "We get a 20 percent discount from publishers."

The prices for textbooks are then increased by some percentage like other products in the store, Powell said.

Powell would not say what the markup percentage is. However, last year, Powell said it was a 25 percent

increase over the original cost.

As an example, the book for Physics I (8.01), *University Physics Volume 1*, ninth edition by Hugh D. Young, sells for \$58.

The required text for Principles of Microeconomics (14.01), *Microeconomics*, by Earl L. Grinols PhD '77, is listed at \$80.50.

The Coop also sells some used

books. We have been trying "to get as many used books as we possibly can," Powell said. Used books are cheaper for everyone involved, he said.

Having an ample supply of used books really "depends on how early we get information from profes-

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Jerrad D. Pierce '00, a student in the Integrated Studies Program, prepares to drop an egg protected by a contraption he designed off of the Green Building yesterday afternoon.

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WORLD & NATION

Explosives on TWA Flight May Be From 747's Gulf War Duty

THE WASHINGTON POST

SMITHTOWN, N.Y.

Investigators said Monday they are looking into whether microscopic traces of explosive residue might have come aboard Trans World Airlines Flight 800 when the Boeing 747 was being used as a troop carrier in the Persian Gulf war.

James K. Kallstrom, the FBI agent in charge of the criminal portion of the probe, acknowledged that "it's something we're looking at." He and others involved in the investigation emphasized that they still have not reached "critical mass" on what might have brought down the plane with 230 people.

The TWA plane was among several planes pressed into service to move troops during the Gulf war. According to sources close to the investigation, its last use for a troop movement was in 1991.

Explosives are not supposed to be brought into the passenger cabin of an aircraft in such movements, but investigators will want to know whether the tiny traces found so far could have been brought aboard on the boots or uniforms of soldiers who had used explosives in the war.

Citadel Opens With Four Women

THE WASHINGTON POST

CHARLESTON, S.C.

The sky was still dark when the young men jogged into the courtyard and began shouting for new students to get out of their bunks. Moments later a song by the heavy metal group AC-DC echoed through the cavernous dormitory.

The song was "Hell's Bells" and this was the start of a "hell week" at The Citadel, a tortuous period of in-your-face military training known by all graduates of the school as the time in which new students will either decide to remain in the state-supported military college or leave. With four women among the 568 freshmen, what happens to the Class of 2000 has become a soap opera here, complete with live television reports from the college campus featured throughout the day.

As college barbers administered what school officials described as a short, "unique female Citadel haircut" — above the ear and off the neck — to the women, school officials continued to predict that the four would succeed here. By midday the four had already outlasted the school's first female cadet, Shannon Faulkner, who dropped out a year ago after a half-day of military indoctrination, citing isolation and stress from her court case to force the institution to admit her.

"Everything is going well," said Brig. Gen. R. Clifton Poole, the school's acting president, at a mid-morning briefing. He and other Citadel officials have maintained that the school had no choice but to admit women, dropping a 153-year-old policy, after the Supreme Court ruled June 26 that a similar male-only admission policy at Virginia Military Institute was unconstitutional.

China Criticizes U.S. Missile Sales

THE WASHINGTON POST

BEIJING

The issue of Taiwan once again emerged at the center of a dispute between the United States and China, with Beijing Monday sharply criticizing a Pentagon decision to sell advanced Stinger missiles to the island. The Chinese warned that the sale could damage, recently improving U.S.-Sino relations.

"We ask the U.S. side... to cancel plans to sell missiles to Taiwan to prevent creating new damage to Sino-U.S. relations," a Foreign Ministry spokesman was quoted as saying here Monday.

Despite China's strong objections, the Pentagon announced on Friday it would move forward with a plan to sell \$420 million worth of military equipment to Taipei. The package includes 1,299 Stingers — the type used against Iraqi Scud missiles in the Persian Gulf War — as well as 74 guided-missile launchers, 74 flight-trainer Stingers, 96 Humvee vehicles and 500 rounds of .50-caliber ammunition.

Taiwan has said that China need not be concerned about the purchases, which top officials in Taipei, the Taiwanese capital, describe as purely defensive. The Defense Department, in a statement to Congress on Friday, also said the sale of the equipment "will not affect the military balance in the region."

The flap over the missile sales comes at a particularly sensitive time in U.S.-Sino relations, which reached a low point this spring — in the weeks before Taiwan's first fully democratic presidential election, when China staged missile tests and military exercises off the Taiwanese coast. The Clinton administration responded by sending two aircraft carriers to nearby waters.

WEATHER A Tepid Tuesday

By Gerard Roe

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

With a high pressure system sitting squat over the Midwest and southern Ontario, the synoptic situation is one of weak cold fronts sweeping down from the northwest as the colder air mass presses southward. In the near term, a weak cyclonic shortwave traveling along this front will stir up the atmosphere somewhat, supply moisture from the south, bringing clouds and a good chance of showers on Tuesday evening and through into Wednesday morning.

Tuesday: Partly sunny at first becoming cloudier by evening. A seasonable high of 78°F (26°C), with light winds blowing south-easterly off the ocean.

Tuesday night: Steadily becoming overcast, with scattered showers in the area. Chance of a rumble of thunder in the west. Low 64°F (18°C).

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy and cooler. Any showers lifting by mid-morning. High 74°F (23°C). Low 62°F (16°C).

Former Korean President Receives Death Sentence

By Sandra Sugawara

THE WASHINGTON POST

SEOUL

A Seoul court Monday sentenced former South Korean president Chun Doo Hwan to death after finding him guilty of mutiny, treason and corruption. His successor, Roh Tae Woo, was sentenced to 22 years in prison.

Chun and Roh, standing in short-sleeved blue prison garb before a three-judge panel, listened grimly in a courtroom packed with 200 people as the presiding judge read his statement. The cameras were removed from the courtroom after the initial few minutes of the hearing, so Chun's and Roh's reaction were not immediately known.

Both men have a week to appeal the sentences, although there was speculation Monday that they will not. It is widely thought that President Kim Young Sam will pardon them. Such a move would gain Kim, the first president without a military background in three decades, support among conservatives. It also would spare the country the possibly divisive anguish of having its former presidents severely punished, analysts said. Many feel that the shame of a conviction would be punishment enough for the two men.

Although prosecutors had requested the death sentence for Chun, many analysts had predicted that the sentence would be less severe. However presiding judge Kim Young Il said the crimes committed were serious enough to warrant the severe punishment.

Roh was spared the life imprisonment demanded by prosecutors.

Judge Kim said that Roh had only been following Chun's lead. He also said Roh's efforts to promote democracy in South Korea had been taken into account.

The verdict represents an ignominious ending for the two former army generals who ruled South Korea during the 1980s and early 1990s and were instrumental in shaping its emergence as an Asian economic powerhouse.

Indeed, the spectacle of the two once powerful leaders, dressed in prison garb like common criminals and standing grimly before the three judges, riveted the nation. South Koreans gathered around televisions in stores, businesses and homes to watch the stunning symbol of the political transformation that South Korea has undergone in the past three years.

The trial has been viewed by many South Koreans less as a hearing on the specific crimes committed more than a decade ago by aging military leaders than as a pivotal step toward the establishment of the rule of law by a country trying to cleanse itself of its brutal and corrupt past. Chun and Roh have criticized the trial as a political ploy by the president to boost his popularity.

Chun and Roh were convicted of mutiny and treason for staging a 1979 coup within the military following the assassination of President Park Chung Hee. Chun was also found guilty of treason for the 1980 massacre of 200 people in the city of Kwangju, but the judge said there was insufficient evidence to find him guilty of murdering people for the purpose of treason. During that incident, students and

others protesting martial law imposed by the Chun-led military were gunned down. The slaughter remains an evocative rallying point for many South Koreans.

Fifteen people altogether were convicted Monday on sedition and treason charges. One person was found not guilty. All except Chun received lesser sentences than requested by the prosecutors. Later Monday, the court will hand down sentences in corruption cases involving other top officials and business executives.

The two men admitted taking the money but said they were political donations, not bribes. Such donations were an accepted way of doing business back then, according to South Korean businessmen. The two former presidents also maintained their innocence on the treason charges, arguing that they acted in the interest of national security and that the crackdown in Kwangju was necessary to avert instability that might prompt an invasion.

An aloof man with a military bearing, Chun was widely unpopular. As Chun's protegee, Roh shocked South Korea when in 1987 he agreed to presidential elections after weeks of student democracy demonstrations that had the support of the middle class. But anger over the Kwangju incident and an alleged culture of political corruption in South Korea continued to plague the reputations of both men.

It has been widely predicted here that business leaders also charged in the case, charged with buying government favors, would get off lightly because of their key roles in the economy.

Farrakhan Seeks Approval For Large Libyan Donation

By Michael A. Fletcher

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan has asked the Treasury Department for permission to accept a \$1 billion donation from Libya, a gift he says should be allowed because it will be used to rebuild the black community's tattered economic fabric.

Farrakhan formally applied last week to the department's Office of Foreign Assets Control, seeking its approval for him to accept donations from Libya, one of several countries under sanctions limiting travel and business transactions by U.S. citizens.

The donation from Libya could be the first of several offered to Farrakhan from nations "friendly and not-so-friendly" to the United States, said the Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., an ally of the Nation of Islam leader.

Countries that fall under U.S. sanctions include Libya, Sudan, Iran and Iraq, all of which were visited by Farrakhan during a controversial world tour he made just months after leading last October's Million Man March in Washington. During Farrakhan's tour, it was reported that Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi had pledged \$1 billion to Farrakhan to use toward mobilizing blacks and other "oppressed" minorities in the United States.

Since then, Farrakhan has been working to find a legal way to accept that money, said Chavis, head of the National African-American Leadership Summit.

"As a result of the Million Man March, which was seen all over the

world, people have been inspired and wanted to know if contributions could be made to promote the economic empowerment of our communities," Chavis said. "So over the past 10 months, we have been working to establish legal procedures to achieve those objectives."

Chavis said that during a recent trip, which included stops in China and Egypt, he met with individuals interested in making large contributions to build on the economic and political empowerment goals talked about during the march.

Chavis described Marion Harris, the North Carolina businessman named as Farrakhan's agent on the Treasury Department application, as a lifelong friend and board member of NAALS, the organization Chavis launched in conjunction with the Million Man March.

"NAALS works in direct cooperation with the Nation of Islam, and whatever is being done needs to be seen in the context of the Million Man March," Chavis said.

Word of Farrakhan's application already has provoked a heated response from Rep. Peter T. King, a New York Republican who successfully pressed for congressional hearings following Farrakhan's tour.

In letters to several Cabinet officials, including Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin, King said "the federal government must do all in its power to discourage this evil alliance between America's most vicious hatemonger and the Middle East's most bloodthirsty terrorist dictator."

Treasury officials would not comment directly on Farrakhan's application. But rules against doing

business with Libya and other outlaw states are aimed at preventing economic benefits from flowing to so-called terrorist nations, which would not necessarily prevent the gift from being approved.

While King and others denounce Gadhafi as a terrorist, Farrakhan describes the Libyan leader as a friend who has been smeared by the U.S. government.

In a speech before the National Association of Black Journalists last week, Farrakhan said he was planning to travel to Libya again this week, where he is to be honored with a \$250,000 humanitarian award from Gadhafi. Past winners of the award include South African President Nelson Mandela.

Last week, Farrakhan also said a donation from Libya should be allowed because the Nation of Islam is not "un-American" and the donation would go toward humanitarian purposes.

Farrakhan has been the recipient of aid from Gadhafi in the past. During the mid-1980s, the Libyan leader made a \$5 million loan to the Nation of Islam to launch a line of personal care products that now is sold mostly by Nation of Islam vendors.

If Farrakhan is successful in collecting on the pledges from Gadhafi and others, the money is likely to be deposited in black and Hispanic run banks and invested with minority-run brokerage firms and in minority businesses, Chavis said.

"We salute the efforts of the Nation of Islam to attract charitable contributions to aid the spiritual and economic development of our communities," Chavis said.

South African Policeman Found Guilty of Five Murders

By Bob Drogin
LOS ANGELES TIMES

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

A former police officer who headed apartheid's most notorious death squad — a state-sanctioned unit that carried out grisly bombings, assassinations and other atrocities — was convicted Monday of five counts of murder.

Former police Col. Eugene de Kock, a key figure in the "dirty war" waged by the white minority regime against black liberation forces, is the first senior security officer to be convicted of apartheid-related offenses since the nation's founding democratic elections in April 1994.

Magnus Malan, the apartheid-era defense minister, and 10 other former top military and intelligence officials are on trial in a separate murder case in Durban. The group is charged of masterminding a hit-squad massacre of 13 people, most women and children, nine years ago.

De Kock, known to his former

colleagues as "Prime Evil," still faces verdicts on 116 other charges, including three more murders, kidnapping, assault, illegal weapons possession and dozens of counts of fraud.

Now 48, the burly, bespectacled officer headed the Vlakplaas police anti-insurgency squad — known as the C-10 unit — from a placid farm west of Pretoria for a decade until the group was ordered disbanded in 1993.

Witnesses and evidence implicated De Kock's team in a gruesome series of covert crimes, including bombing, poisoning, torturing and burning to death dozens of anti-apartheid activists here and abroad.

The 18-month trial offered a grim litany of official cover-ups, corruption and killing, allegedly by some of the most senior police officers of the time.

Several of De Kock's closest former friends and colleagues provided the most damning evidence against him, testifying in return for

immunity.

"You become cold and distance yourself and ignore your conscience," testified Dougie Holtzhausen, a former Vlakplaas operative. "But your ghosts come out to haunt you in your nightmares."

De Kock's specialty was using torture, blackmail or other means to persuade captured black guerrillas from the African National Congress to work, instead, for him.

But in some cases, the killers turned on each other. Witnesses testified that De Kock and his men savagely beat a black policeman in their unit, then suffocated him with an inner tube, a practice they called "tubing."

The unit's most infamous action was sending a booby-trapped tape cassette player to Dirk Coetzee, who preceded De Kock as commander of Vlakplaas but later went public about its illegal operations. Coetzee refused to accept the mailed package but his lawyer was killed when it was delivered to him.

Japanese Latin Americans Seek Payments for WWII Injustices

By Hector Tobar
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The police came to take the family away: a husband and wife and four children, each allowed to pack one suitcase. The family land, including a cotton plantation, was lost forever. Placed on a ship, guarded by soldiers with machine guns, they sailed across an ocean to a concentration camp.

The camp was in Crystal City, Texas. And the soldiers with the doughboy helmets who took Alicia Nishimoto and her family from Peru were members of the U.S. Army.

It is a little-known, dark chapter in U.S. and Latin American history. During World War II, the Roosevelt administration arranged the detention of more than 2,200 people of Japanese ancestry from 13 Latin American countries, the overwhelming majority of them from Peru.

Although no official explanation for the internment was ever offered, historians believe the Japanese Latin Americans were abducted for reasons similar to the much larger detention of Japanese-Americans on the West Coast of the United States: They were believed to pose a military threat to the United States and its allies.

Nishimoto, then a 10-year-old citizen of Peru, spent two years in the Texas internment camp. Half a century later, she and hundreds of other abducted Latin American Japanese are still being denied an official letter of apology from the U.S. government.

The reason for the denial is a bureaucratic Catch-22 that has kept alive the sting of the old injustice: since the Japanese Latin Americans were brought to the United States against their will, they were not legal U.S. residents and thus not eligible for an apology under the law.

"How can they call us illegal immigrants when we were forced to come here?" asks Nishimoto, who for the past 33 years has lived in Southern California.

A few of the Japanese Peruvians were exchanged for Americans held in Japan, but most spent the duration of the war behind the barbed wire of the camp in southwest Texas. Some were held until 1948, three years after the war's end.

Frustrated after being denied both the apology and the redress payments first granted to Japanese-American internees in 1990, the Latin American Japanese plan to file suit this week in federal Claims

Court in Washington, D.C.

"These actions were a violation of international law," says Grace Shimizu, an activist in the movement for redress and the daughter of a Peruvian-Japanese man held in the camps. "This was kidnapping civilians from a third country not at war, taking them across international waters and jailing them. It's important to hold the government accountable."

Officials with the Justice Department's Office of Redress Administration acknowledge the detentions and transportations occurred, but say the Latin American Japanese are not covered by the provisions of the 1988 reparations law, which was restricted to those who were U.S. citizens and legal residents at the time of their detention.

Justice Department officials said Congress recognized the suffering of the Latin American Japanese in the 1982 report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. A small number of Peruvian Japanese did receive redress payments because they became legal residents before the June 1946 date established by the law.

Democratic Platform Cautiously Balances Diverse Party Opinions

By Kevin Merida
THE WASHINGTON POST

CHICAGO

The Democratic Party's platform is something of a balancing act.

It insists that illegal immigration must be stopped, but deplors "those who use the need to stop illegal immigration as a pretext for discrimination."

It boasts of the Democratic role in reforming the welfare system, but says portions of the new law President Clinton recently signed go "too far" and "should be fixed."

The platform commits to protecting the environment, but says "we do not trap business in a tangle of red tape."

It is, in short, a yin and yang blueprint for Clinton's middle-of-the-road fall campaign — with an emphasis on utilizing the bully pulpit rather than big government to effect change.

When Democratic delegates ratify this platform on Tuesday, they essentially will be endorsing a campaign strategy: It is better to focus

on the enemy than to battle one another over policy differences.

"The major thing it says is we don't have a fight," observed Democratic pollster Peter Hart. "Usually we can spend days, weeks, fighting over the platform. That's probably why we're at the United Center — we're united."

There is still evidence of dissent within the party's coalitions, but what a difference four years — and an incumbent president — makes. By the time Democrats arrived in New York for their convention in 1992, there already had been several pitched skirmishes over the platform.

One of Clinton's vanquished primary opponents, former California Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr., blasted a draft document as "verbal cellophane" and managed to win concessions for liberals on the environment. Another beaten foe, former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas, had enough strength among fiscal conservatives that Clinton operatives allowed him to

bring his economic proposals to the convention floor for debate — though he didn't have the votes to do so.

And then-New York Mayor David Dinkins pressed for and won a stronger commitment from the party to aid the cities and the poor.

In fact, the 1992 platform contained a separate section, labeled "The Cities," that promises a "national public works investment and infrastructure program," summer jobs and training programs for inner city youth and "targeted fiscal assistance to cities that need it most."

Some of these initiatives were contained in Clinton's economic stimulus package that Republicans defeated in 1993. No separate section on cities exists in this year's document.

Drafted by administration officials, the platform is largely a nod to Clinton's centrist impulses. And it contains, by omission, tacit acknowledgment of his political and policy failures.

Clinton Will Pay Whitewater Bills

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

President Clinton has promised to help pay the Whitewater-related legal bills of his friends and White House aides "if it's the last thing I ever do."

In an interview with CNN reporters on Sunday, the president said he felt "terrible" about the expenses run up by dozens of individuals questioned by Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr and congressional investigating committees. He said that after his tenure as president is over "I'm going to do everything I can to help raise the money, or to earn it myself and pay it. I think it is outrageous that these middle-class people have had their lives wrecked by pure, naked, raw politics. It is wrong."

This is the second time this month that a reporter's question about Whitewater legal bills has drawn a strong response from the president. On Aug. 1, he angrily revoked a pledge that he would support payment of about \$500,000 in legal fees for fired White House travel office director Billy R. Dale. Dale was acquitted of federal fraud charges after a two-week trial. Republicans in Congress introduced legislation to pay his legal bills.

The president and his wife have incurred nearly \$2.4 million in legal bills stemming from the Whitewater inquiries. A legal expense fund they set up has collected \$1.1 million in the last two years and has paid \$691,134 in bills, according to its latest report. The Clintons owe the Washington firm of Williams & Connolly \$1.7 million.

Yeltsin Leaves Moscow for Vacation

THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW

Russian President Boris Yeltsin departed for a new vacation Monday as his security chief, Alexander Lebed, waited for another meeting with Yeltsin to gain approval of a proposed political settlement for the Chechen war.

Yeltsin, who has only briefly appeared in public since his re-election, left for a government residence called Rus, 40 miles northeast of here, for what is expected to be an extended vacation. His spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, said nothing about whether Yeltsin would meet Lebed.

Lebed's office said a meeting with Yeltsin might come Tuesday. The security chief, whom Yeltsin put in charge of shaping a settlement of the 20-month-old war, returned to Moscow this weekend to seek approval of a proposed settlement he negotiated with the Chechen separatists, who are seeking independence from Russia.

Although details have not been disclosed, Lebed is reportedly carrying a compromise plan that could involve a referendum to decide Chechnya's future status. Russian news agencies reported that Lebed returned to Moscow in part to iron out any legal problems with the plan. If successful, such a political settlement would mark a major step toward ending the war, which has killed about 30,000 people, mostly civilians.

Yeltsin's decision to leave on vacation Monday followed weeks of speculation about his health. His aides have said he has not suffered another bout of heart problems but simply needs an extended rest after a grueling re-election campaign. They have refused to disclose details of Yeltsin's condition and treatments.

Netscape to Bypass PCs

NEWSDAY

Not content with its dominance in the Internet browser market, Netscape Communications Corp. announced Monday that it has formed a new company whose mission will be to help turn household devices like telephones and pagers into mini-gateways to the Internet.

In forming partnerships with IBM, Oracle and four major Japanese consumer electronics companies, the new company, Navio Communications Inc., represents a powerful challenge to the stranglehold that Microsoft's operating systems have over the Internet. The aim of the new devices: to bypass personal computers on the way to the Internet.

The president and chief executive of the new company, Wei Yen, formerly an executive with Silicon Graphics Inc., said Monday at a news conference in Sunnyvale, Calif., that Navio will produce standardized software that will provide access to the Internet for video-game machines, televisions, telephones, pagers and other consumer electronic devices.

Guerrilla Group Emerges in Mexico

THE WASHINGTON POST

MEXICO CITY

Leaders of a mysterious left-wing guerrilla group dedicated to overthrowing the Mexican government have emerged from hiding to claim they have 23,000 followers across the country, including forces based in the capital.

The leaders, in their comments, appeared irked that the Mexican government is belittling the existence of their group, its military strength and its ideological resolve. Seeking to emphasize their seriousness, they said the group has killed 59 soldiers in the last two months.

The declarations, made during an interview published Sunday by Mexico City's La Jornada newspaper, could not be independently confirmed. The army refused to comment. It has denied previous claims by the group to have killed soldiers in specific encounters.

The newspaper report, accompanied by a photograph of masked guerrillas armed with AK-47 assault rifles, contributed to the mystery surrounding the group, which calls itself the Popular Revolutionary Army. The newspaper, which previously had cited a confidential report by the Interior Ministry saying the group "has branches in urban areas," said the interview was conducted less than three hours from the capital.

The rebel group first appeared two months ago at a memorial service marking the first anniversary of a massacre of 17 unarmed peasants by state police in Guerrero, a Pacific coast state known for human rights violations by security forces, drug trafficking, banditry and leftist uprisings. The group called for the overthrow of the government and a new constitution.

There have been at least four armed clashes reported between the army and the rebels.

OPINION

Don't Overlook the Personal Side of MIT

Column by Thomas R. Karlo
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

So you've come to MIT. You've found your living group (or you will soon, at least). And you know exactly what classes you're going to take, what gym classes you'll be in, and exactly where you'll work each summer. You've planned your entire life out all the way to where you'll be in line come graduation day. Well, you'd better put away that schedule. You still have yet to meet the greatest part about being at MIT — the people.

When I came to MIT, I could have told you any number of reasons why I thought it was a great school. I would have pointed to how it did in the magazine reports, how high the average SAT scores were, and how many great scientists and engineers came from the school. And I would have been totally wrong.

Unless you spend the next four years with your face glued to a book (an unfortunate disease that inflicts a significant percentage of students here; I called the Medical Center, and they're going to get back to me about it), you find that the true opportunity and value of spending four years at MIT is simply to get to interact with the people of MIT for that time. Never in my life have I met so many intelligent, open, and friendly people, and I can only hope that wherever I end up after school even approaches the community here at MIT. People around campus, despite the occasional egomaniac or control freak, are incredibly honest, inspired, and dynamic. You're about to become part of an incredible chaotic mix of

brains, friendship, and ambition. Being part of this mix doesn't just mean going to class with these people.

Being part of MIT should mean more to you than getting a good GPA and receiving your diploma. If you make those your only goals for your time here, you'll miss a crucial part of your education, and it will hurt your ability to succeed in the outside world far

goals are not mutually exclusive; in reality, they are totally complementary. Having the support of your friends will be critical to helping you survive the toughest times at MIT, and they will also bring you your best moments here. Without friends, does it even matter how successful you are? You'll still be alone.

When I came to MIT, my goal was to leave with my diploma, a great GPA, and achievements in activities and work for my resume. After three years here, I've realized just how tremendously shortsighted that was, and I hope it can be attributed to my inexperience at the time. Now I'm a senior, and I've achieved as many things as I could have hoped for when I came MIT three years ago. But my hope is that's not how people at MIT will remember me when I eventually graduate and move off into the real world. I hope they remember me as a good friend; I think you should examine this goal and see if it's not a better one for you, too.

These days, when I tell someone I go to MIT, and they ask me what the best thing about going to MIT is, I tell them it's the people that make up the community. Yeah, I could probably impress them more by telling them how we ranked in the news magazines, or how much our graduates make. But I know this would be shortchanging MIT. There isn't anything more important to how valuable your time at college is than the people you live and work with. If anyone tells you differently, they must have gone to another university. I hear there's a place like that up the river; but I would never go there myself.

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worse than missing any class. This doesn't mean that you should sacrifice your academics to be a "people person" — far from it. Some of the most academically successful people I know are also the most friendly, and they derive the energy and spirit they apply to their work from the support and interdependence of their friendships with other students.

The idea is to work toward achieving a balance between keeping up with the often heavy academic workload of MIT and building and maintaining friendship with others. These

Sleeping Tactics Must Be Learned in Time

Column by Brett Altschul
STAFF REPORTER

Nearly everybody at MIT jokes about how much sleep students here miss. Still, I don't think the incoming freshmen really have any understanding of the semi-permanent somnolence that goes part and parcel with an MIT education. I laughed a lot at the sleep deprivation jokes when I first arrived here, with no conception of the reality that lay ahead.

Before I came here for college, some of my most creative ideas came to me in dreams. That's no longer the case. Since arriving at MIT, I've largely ceased to dream. My sleep periods generally don't exceed one hour, so I never make it to REM sleep, when dreaming occurs. I've trained myself to sleep for about 45 minutes, then wake up. It really helps on those days when I have a single open hour during the afternoon. I rush back to my room, fall asleep, awaken in three-quarters of an hour, and have just enough time to find a seat in my next lecture before the professor begins his monologue.

Quite early on, I realized the most important thing about sleep at MIT: When you feel really tired, it's not worth trying to remain awake. When you're about to doze off, you do lousy work, and you'll waste most of your remaining energy keeping yourself fully cognizant.

The second big point takes a much longer time to learn. Some places are good places to sleep; some places are terrible. Every student needs to decide which are which for him, mostly by trial and error. I had many trials and more than a few errors.

I immediately chose never to doze off during a lecture. It's a matter of personal pride for me that the last time I fell asleep in school was during officially sanctioned "nap time" when I was about three. However, no other portion of my daily routine has consistently defied the god Hypnos.

One morning, I was awakened in an

Athena cluster by another student. As I opened my eyes, my face felt rather sore, since my left cheek had been attempting to pick up a permanent imprint of the backspace key. I began to thank the student for his kindness in ending my unpleasant nap. He waved off my thanks; he just wanted to know whether I was finished with the computer or not. Neither the hospitality of the clusters nor the pillows provided by Information Systems impressed me much.

I sometimes sleep in the offices of *The Tech* (indeed, it was an early evening nap in one of the newsroom's uncomfortably straight-backed chairs that inspired me to write this column). However, I spend relatively few senseless hours in our office compared to some of the other staff members. One editor kept an extra bar of soap in the newsroom for those frequent nights when he lay face-down on the boardroom sofa.

On occasion, I've grabbed the chance to catch 40 winks during a Lecture Series Committee movie. There are two kinds of films that prompt me to lose consciousness. Sometimes I allow myself to doze off briefly during movies that I've already seen because I already know the story, and I can afford to miss a few minutes of the plot development in exchange for greater alertness during the finale. Some films that I haven't already seen are so bad I just don't care what happens during the middle of the story. (I generally don't care what happens at the end either, but those films tend to culminate with a lot of gunfire and explosions, which makes it fairly difficult to sleep through the climax.)

For some reason, I have a great deal of trouble staying awake during the physics colloquia I attend. This can be somewhat embarrassing when I go to the colloquium with somebody else, like my physics professor, but other times it's an excellent opportunity to catch up on my rest. The speakers often display their quantum mechanical calculations on

hand-scrawled overhead transparencies, using a mathematical notation that nobody outside their research teams is familiar with. Moreover, I frequently end up sitting behind some grungy neurotic who pays no attention to the lecture and spends the entire time muttering and making notations on a schedule of all the free talks in the Boston Area. His incoherent mumblings prevent my ears from making out what little of the lecture I actually want hear. Without any meaningful sensory input, my brain decides to hibernate for a while.

With all these experiences in mind, I offer two pieces of advice for those freshmen with no idea what their sleep cycle will be like. First, don't kill yourself worrying about how you'll get enough sleep. You'll survive. A year ago, I would never have believed that I could adjust to the amount of rest I get here and the irregular manner in which I get it.

Second, don't assume that you'll find a great system as soon as classes commence, either. At first, I had a fairly tough time getting enough sleep, but I adapted over a couple of months. It takes some familiarity with MIT's physical and temporal layout, plus a few unpleasant misjudgments, to develop a plan for strategic snoozing.

ERRATUM

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Democratic Convention Should Avoid Artificiality

Column by David S. Kelman

The planning has been going for months. Everyone is going to show their happiest faces. A lot of money is going into it. The goal is to win people over, hide any faults, and put on a good show. Am I talking about rush? Nope. It's time for the Democratic National Convention.

Is it possible for anyone to top the carefully choreographed show the Republicans put on a few weeks ago? It appears that the Democrats are certainly going to try. The question is, why has the political convention scene this year degenerated into a few nights of elaborate info-mercials?

After the 1992 Republican convention, I can understand the GOP's desire to present a "kinder, gentler" face to the country this time around (Pat Buchanan's '92 speech may forever leave a Klan-rally type image in some people's minds). The show they put on certainly seemed to accomplish the desired effect: put forth a moderate image that will appeal to a broad range of voters. Now it's the Democrats' turn. I think the Democrats face much more of a risk by putting out another one of these "convention-mercials."

The Republicans had little to lose by turning their convention into the show that it was. Bob Dole was trailing heavily in the polls, so it was time for something big. More importantly, however, whom did they risk offending? The voters

and supporters on the far right were certainly the ones snubbed. The fact is, though, that the people on the far right will probably vote for Dole anyway. Maybe some campaign funding might be lost, but in the end, can you see Pat Buchanan or the like voting for Bill Clinton?

The Democrats, on the other hand, already should be counting Bill Clinton's ever-shifting political positions as one of their biggest

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weaknesses. If the Democratic Convention is perceived as too artificial, it may only make matters worse in the credibility department. Now, top this off with the deluge of declarations that Clinton has made in the last week, ranging from tobacco regulation to the tracking of sex offenders. Things that may each look good taken one at a time could come across as one big patronizing sham.

Perhaps though, even if I am right, there is a factor that may protect the Democrats; if television ratings from the GOP Convention are any indication, most people would rather be watching *The Dukes of Hazzard*.

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Smorgasbord of Activities Will Be At Midway Tonight

By Jean K. Lee
STAFF REPORTER

Freshmen will have an opportunity to explore over 160 diverse student groups and organizations at the Activities Midway that will take place at Johnson Athletics Center from 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Various groups will have booths set up, presenting video tapes, slide shows, and pictures of the group to interested freshmen. Representatives from the groups will be available to answer questions, and some music and dance groups will perform live in Johnson.

Groups will be trying to find freshmen interested in their respective activities, and freshmen will have the chance to sign up for the activities they would like to join or learn more about.

"My hope for the midway is that the incoming students can see the broad array of activities available to them and join as many as humanly possible," said Douglas K. Wyatt '96, president of the Association of Student Activities, who helped coordinate the event.

"New students are the life-blood of student groups, and without them, the groups would cease to exist," Wyatt said.

Among the groups that will perform live are the Ballroom Dance Club, Dance Troupe, Folk Dance Club, Tech Squares, Kappa Alpha Psi, the jujutsu team Hansori, and the marching band, as well as other a capella groups.

Groups will showcase their skills

Several other groups will be showing off their unique activities. Members of the *Technique* yearbook staff will be taking pictures of freshmen to explain the processes involved in producing a yearbook. The Lecture Series Committee will be giving out popcorn and schedules of its films and other events for the next semester.

The Tech Model Railroad Club has plans to showcase a model railroad, while the Chinese Students

Club will demonstrate Chinese calligraphy.

In other areas, computer groups, like the Student Information Processing Board, will demonstrate some of their services on actual Athena workstations.

"The goal is to give freshmen a chance to browse through the student activities," said Jeremy H. Brown G, one of the coordinators of the Activities Midway. The midway makes it easy for freshmen to go in and decide which activities they would like to participate in, he said.

According to Brown, although the midway was "pretty successful" last year, the event was too loud because of the various music groups that performed live or had tapes of themselves playing.

"We had all the 'stereo' groups in one corner of the auditorium, but it was still hard for people to hold conversations," said Brown. "This year, we've scattered all the musical groups throughout the room to keep the noise level down."

Postering rules changed this year

The policy for student activities' postering during Residence and Orientation Week has been changed this year. Previously, student groups weren't allowed to advertise until after the Activities Midway.

This year, student groups may poster at anytime for all events that are to take place after the Midway. However, the ban that no student activities can hold events between the time the freshmen arrive at MIT until the beginning of the Activities Midway still holds.

The Activities Midway is organized each year by the ASA, which processes requests submitted by individual groups who want to participate and generates a floor plan for the booths.

Wyatt is confident that the event will run smoothly but also hopes that they can "improve upon the few things that could have been better" last year, he said.

GSC Offers Social Events

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To that end, there will be a GSC open house on Thursday, where incoming graduate students can meet members and officers of the GSC and learn about the GSC's mission to improve graduate student life, Morfopoulos said.

An event called GL 001, "Introduction to Grad Life" is designed to impart essential information about the graduate experi-

ence to new graduate students, Morfopoulos said.

The GSC will hold "Night on the Town" events for the next several weeks to introduce graduate students to Boston nightlife, he said.

Orientation events kept simple

"We try to keep [events] as simple as possible," Westbrook said. That way, tickets to events remain affordable at \$5.

Morfopoulos expects tickets for popular events such as Sunday's Boston Harbor cruise and Friday's Red Sox game to sell out quickly.

While most graduate student orientation events are sponsored by the GSC, there are several events sponsored by the International Students Association, and several by the administration.

These events include international student coffee hours, student health and harassment presentations, and a reception for female graduate students.

New graduate students have also been invited to tonight's Activities Midway in Johnson Athletics Center and Wednesday's Athletics Midway, staples of the undergraduate R/O program.

In general, however, orientation for graduate students is not nearly so detailed as it is for undergraduates.

Many graduate students are continuing MIT students who do not need an introduction to MIT life. Such students are often "totally blasé," Westbrook said. "They don't need as much socialization."



HELEN M. LIN—THE TECH

Entering graduate students in MIT's Sloan School of Management display some engineering spirit as they participate in an egg toss competition yesterday afternoon in McDermott Court.

Mail Handler Now Utilizes MIME

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"With the RS/6000s, there's a similar circumstance, the RS/6000 hardware has been made obsolete" by newer versions that all run the operating system AIX version 4.

New purchases prompt upgrade

Various clusters have been shut down in recent weeks as the DEC's and IBMs are replaced by the Sun Sparc 4s and new Indy stations.

"This year we bought extra machines," Cattey said. I/S was trying very hard "to keep the system that students saw as homogenous as possible," he said.

The new machines forced the issue of software upgrades because Sparc 4s only run Solaris 2.4. All

older Athena Sparcs had been running Solaris 2.3, so a new version of the Athena system needed to be created to accommodate the upgraded operating system.

"The Sparc 4 has the same performance as the Sparc 5," said Michael D. Barker, leader of the Support Athena Team. "Basically it's the same hardware."

"The Sparc 4 doesn't allow as much expansion, but we don't usually expand what's in the cluster anyway," he said.

"For Sun, it made sense to provide for a lower-end entry model," Barker said. For I/S it meant a less expensive model, he said.

Emacs constitutes biggest change

Most Release 8.0 will offer few visible changes for casual users. "The two versions aren't that different," Schmidt said. "Users logging in will see the same dash," the pull-down menu bar at the top of the screen.

One change in the new revision that many students will notice, however, is the use of Emacs version 19.30 instead of the older 18.59 that had been used on the majority of machines.

The big difference in the new revision is the fact that Emacs now has a menu bar. Emacs 19 "actually works with X windows," Barker said. "Emacs 18 hadn't been fully integrated with X windows."

The new Emacs will be able to use the standard X windows cut-and-paste system. "It puts us much closer to what is out there instead of

lagging far behind," Barker said.

New users can access many of Emacs' functions by choosing them from a menu. The new version may cause some user customization to fail, so Emacs 18 will probably stay around for a while.

"It'll be around for probably another year, but we strongly advise that people start learning to use" Emacs 19, Baker said.

Athena mail will support MIME

Support for Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension, an obscure but available feature, has been incorporated into the Athena mail handler.

MIME allows e-mail messages to incorporate other types of media like graphics and sound.

"Almost everything runs MIME, and we need to start moving toward that" with the Athena mail handler, Barker said.

The capability was not built into Athena Release 7.7. In 8.0, however, it is present, though not turned on by default, because MIME can cause difficulties if set up incorrectly, Barker said.

"MIME likes to look for helper applications," Barker said. The set of applications that comes with the Athena mail handler is fairly minimal, and users setting up MIME may therefore have problems, he said.

"If people want to take the safety off and shoot themselves in the foot," they now have that option, he said.

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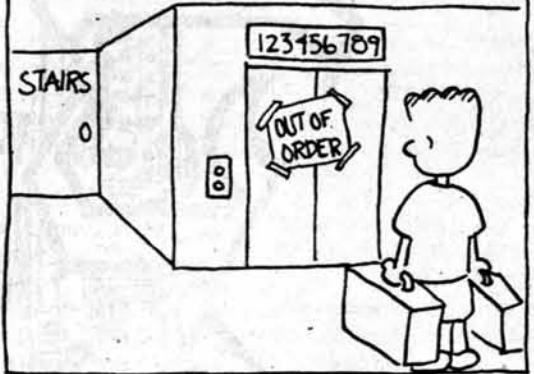
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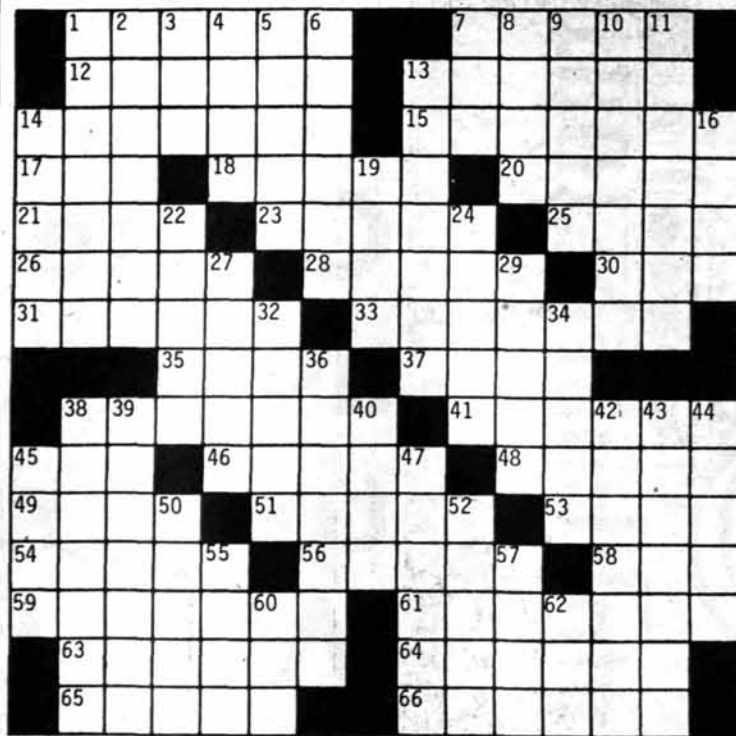


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SOLUTIONS IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE TECH

Student Activities Complained to RCA Of Errors in System

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rently have outside accounts, said Undergraduate Association Treasurer Russell S. Light '98. Only about 10 groups are actually authorized to have outside accounts, he said.

Jay P. Muchnij '98, president of the MIT Science Fiction Society, a group that has quarreled with RCA in the past over their accounts, was somewhat pleased at the news of the problems. MITSFS has been trying for several years to get outside accounts, Muchnij said.

"We've been working with [RCA], trying to deal with these problems, but the negotiations have been going slowly," he said. "This news should help speed up the negotiations."

Muchnij viewed the revelation as a vindication for the group. "We've known they were incompetent for a long time," he said. "We're glad that someone else has evidence of that now."

President of *Counterpoint* Jeremy D. Sher '99 expressed consternation at the news of the accounting problems. Sher said that while the group really wanted to get an outside bank account, they have tried to work within the system. "*Counterpoint* has really made a serious effort to play by the rules in this," he said.

Sher also complained about the problems the accounting system had

caused *Counterpoint* in the past. "It certainly made it a lot more difficult for us," he said. Transactions were lost and the organization's name was misspelled in the records, he said.

At one point, *Counterpoint* did not know whether the group had \$1,000 or owed that much, Sher said. *Counterpoint* was forced to go through the RCA records to determine their balance for themselves, he said. "We've found ourselves basically doing the accounting job for RCA."

Douglas K. Wyatt G, president of the Association of Student Activities and one of the students who discovered the RCA error, said that student groups had a right to be outraged.

"I think student groups will be upset about it, and rightly so," he said. "A lot of them have known, and complained about, problems with the system for quite some time now."

Wyatt also expressed some guarded optimism. "I am very glad that MIT has taken responsibility, at least for the part that they did and is forgiving debts from a long time ago," he said.

"I think it is important that the problem be solved, not just bandaged. Fixing the account balances is just the first step in doing that," Wyatt said.



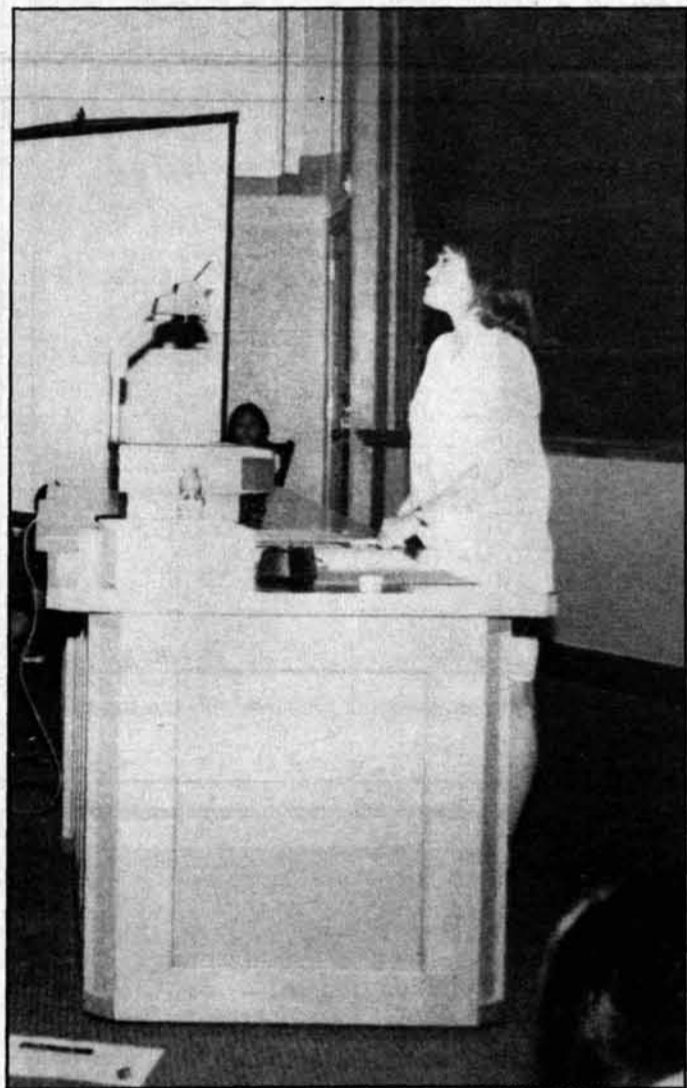
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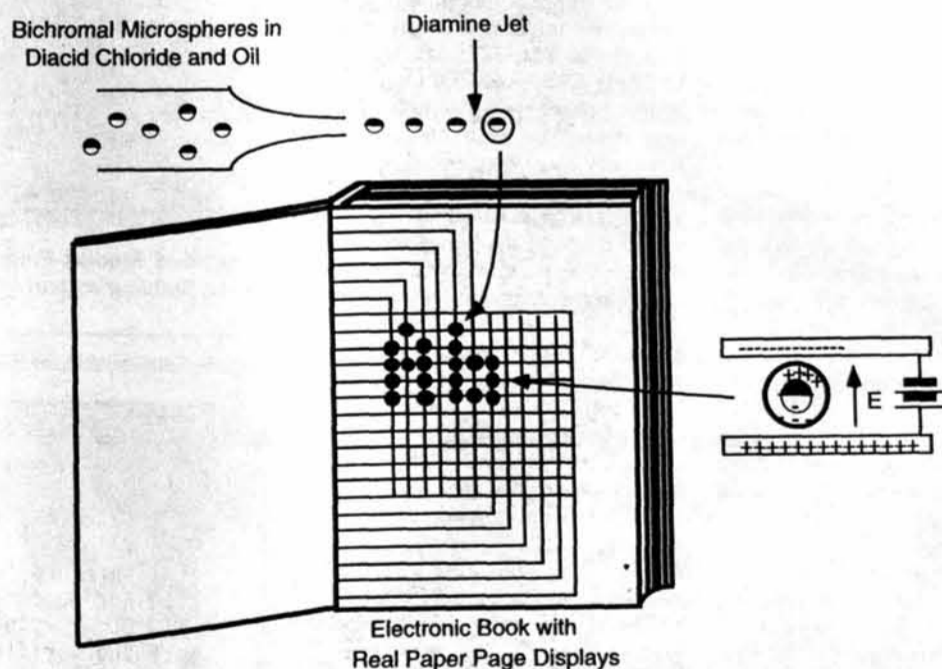


ARIFUR RAHMAH—THE TECH

Lisa Wright, network administrator and coordinator in the Student Financial Aid Office, talks to incoming students at the event "Get a Job at MIT! Getting Paid at MIT!" The event, held yesterday in room 6-120, discussed various resources provided by the Student Employment Office for finding on- and off-campus jobs.

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Several Alternatives To Coop Market Cheaper Textbooks

Books, from Page 1

sors," Powell said. Under the new management of Barnes & Noble Bookstores, the Coop may have better access to used books, he said.

The book for Organic Chemistry I (5.12), *Organic Chemistry*, by Professor of Chemistry Daniel S. Kemp and Frank Vellaccio, is selling for \$65.50 as a used book, down from \$87 as a new book.

Two years ago, the Coop offered a 10 percent rebate on textbooks. A rebate is unlikely this year, but the transition to Barnes & Nobles management "allows hope for a rebate" next year, Powell said.

APO exchange offers low prices

The APO service fraternity will hold its annual used book exchange on the fourth floor of the Student Center in room 407 during the first week of classes, said APO President Emily G. Wallis '97. The book exchange will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The book exchange has been run by APO for at least 30 years, Wallis said.

Students who wish to sell their books set the prices themselves, said APO member Ari J. Wilkenfeld G. Students can also specify a lower price for the last day of the exchange.

People can bring their books to APO's office in room 415 in the Student Center starting now and during the exchange itself, he said.

The exchange carries a wide variety of books from textbooks to science fiction novels, Wilkenfeld said. The MIT Science Fiction Society usually sends a big shipment to APO.

Unlike previous years, APO will be taking about a five percent cut of sales, Wallis said. The Registrar's Office previously paid APO to man tables on Registration Day, but this year, computerized registration eliminated the arrangement. The exchange had been completely free for only about the last five years, Wallis said.

The exchange is expected to do about \$1,200 of business, Wilkenfeld said.

Books that do not get sold can be picked up by the seller, he said. Leftover books are usually donated to charity.

MIT Press offers special discounts

MIT Press, located opposite the Coop, offers mainly books published by MIT Press, said John P. Jenkins, an MIT Press bookseller.

The textbooks MIT Press offers are mostly for economics or computer science courses or by MIT faculty.

Books published by MIT Press are tax-free and coupons for a 20 percent discount are available in the MIT directory.

The required text for Computation Structures (6.004), *Computation Structure*, by Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Stephen A.

Ward '66 and Robert H. Halstead Jr. '75, sells for \$70 at MIT Press, compared to \$72.50 at the Coop.

Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs, second edition by EECs Professors Harold Abelson PhD '73 and Gerald J. Sussman '68, the required book for the class of the same title (6.001), is selling for \$60 at MIT Press, the same price as The Coop.

Introduction to Algorithms, by Thomas H. Cormen PhD '86, and EECs Professors Charles E. Leiserson and Ronald L. Rivest, is the required text for Introduction to Algorithms (6.046) and sells for \$60 compared to \$69.50 at the Coop.

Quantum Books sells CS books

Quantum Books in Kendall Square has a selection of computer operations and programming books

Even though students have little choice over which books they have to buy, they can make an educated decision about where to buy them.

The text for Introduction to Computers and Engineering Problem Solving (1.00), *C++ Primer*, second edition by Stanley B. Lippman, sells for \$39.75 at Quantum Books, compared to \$41.50 at the Coop.

Director of the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory Patrick H. Winston '65 offers his textbook, *Artificial Intelligence*, exclusively through Quantum Books. The book sells for \$58.25.

Text Express uses call-in service

Text Express has been selling books for two years.

Text Express has no store; to order, students must call Text Express at 859-7170. However, attempts to contact the company resulted only in a voice mail message saying that all representatives were busy.

Last year, a student could place an order, and a Text Express van would drop off the books the next day either at a dormitory or a designated stop on campus.

Text Express offered books for 50 to 60 courses, and most books were between 9 and 15 percent lower than The Coop's prices, said Chris Long, the founder of Text Express, in an interview last year.

For example, the book for Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics (10.213), *Introduction to Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics*, fourth edition by Joseph M. Smith, was offered at \$73 last year, compared to last year's price of \$85 at the Coop.



HELEN M. LIN—THE TECH

Associate Dean for Residence and Campus Activities Margaret A. Jablonski gives advice to freshman women during the Chocolate Fest and Women's Panel held in the Bush Room (10-105) yesterday afternoon.



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Integrated Studies Program students anxiously look on as an egg is dropped from the top of the Green Building as part of an ISP egg drop competition.



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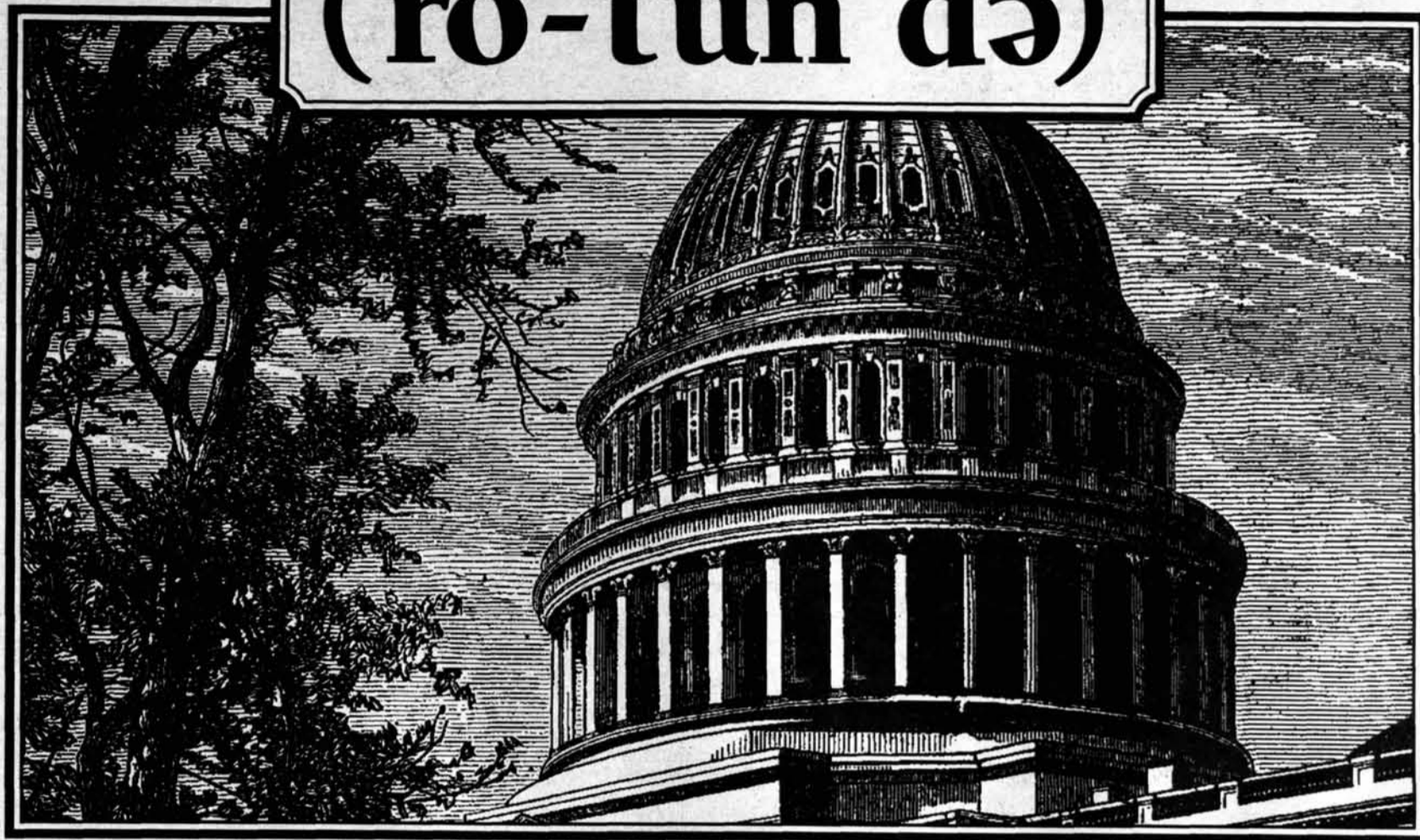
In the midst of hectic Residence and Orientation Week activities, freshmen find time to talk about their course work for the next semester with some upperclassmen on the third floor of the Student Center. More than 100 incoming students attended the "Sensible Schedules" session.

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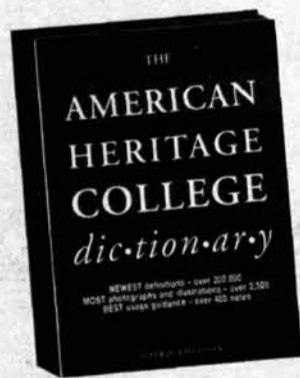
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Tuesday, August 27, 1996

Residence

All day: Epsilon Theta. Gabriel. All day. Believe me, you don't want to know... =) if you really want to find out, call 734-9211 or MIT x3-8888 for a ride.*
All day: ΣN. HOUSE TOURS with Sigma Nu
All day: WILG. Feeling educatable? We've planned trips to the Museum of Science, the Children's Museum and the MIT Museum. Want to explore Boston? See the North End. How about back-to-school shopping at Downtown Crossing? Call us at 253-6799 for the schedule!

3:11p: pika. help make ice cream and fruity sauces with dienne. see how many tools you can use - dienne promises at least vise grip and wrench! 492-6983 for a riideid!
4:00p: Epsilon Theta. Random mellowness continues at Epsilon Theta. Games, laughter, and J the Pondered Rush Chair.*
4:13p: Fenway House. we're waiting by the phone, waiting for someone to call us up and tell us we're not alone... 437-1043*
4:14p: Fenway House. other gratuitous song lyric quoting also available. 437-1043 call me call me anytime!

other places the official tours leave out. Meet outside the MIT Chapel. Wear comfortable clothes and good shoes.*
9:00p: Assassins' Guild. Life's a Bitch and then you Die. Then you go up to the Fourth Floor... AND GET RESURRECTED!!! Patrol is starting now on the first floor of building 36.*
10:00p: Hansori. Korean Video Night III: Come and watch Korean shows, movies, dramas, and more. Free food. 10pm - 1am, in Student Center Room 443.*
10:54p: Assassins' Guild. We're still on the first floor of Building 36 killing each other. You should come over to Patrol and shoot us too! It'll be great!

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12:00p: Raw Perspectives. It's the PINK TOUR!!! Explore the wealth of queer resources in Boston. Let us take you on a tour of bookstores, cafes, clubs and more! We'll even provide a ride in the legendary Queerobile. Bring spending money. We'll meet you at the Student Center Steps and take it from there!
12:00p: Elsewhere. elsewhere's last day! boo-hoo! come and enjoy play-doh and puzzles before the term starts and the crunch of moving begins. We're in the reading room on the 6th floor of the student center, and we close for good at 3 am tonight. hope you had a good rush!
8:00p: Raw Perspectives. Boy, do we have a whole bunch of board games here for you to play! Indulge yourself with Twister, Buck Rodger's Battle for the Twenty-Fifth Century, Monopoly or many more. Of course, if you aren't into games, there is still plenty for you to do to escape the hustle of rush. We have lovely refreshments, cards and scintillating company. As always, this is a queer-positive event. (14E-304)*

Wednesday, August 28, 1996

Residence

All day: Epsilon Theta. Contribute your own conspiracy theory to the pool. A new theory every hour. Heated discussions led by leading experts in the field. Call 734-9211 or MIT extension 3-8888 for a ride.*
All day: ΣN. HOUSE TOURS WITH SIGMA NU
All day: Fenway House. Still tie-dyeing. 437-1043.*
All day: New House. In-House Rush (5pm-2am) All incoming freshmen assigned to New House should come by to participate in in-house rush.*
All day: Student House. Visit Student House, the earliest co-op living group at MIT! We are the cheapest, too! For directions or information, call 247-0506 or 247-8172!
8:08a: pika. bagels, bagels, bagels! all day long! what better way to spend a wednesday than eating bagels?!? with cream cheese, with butter, with margarine, with jam, dry, toasted, burnt, sliced in half lengthwise, sliced in half widthwise, the choices! 492-6983.*
9:00a: Student House. Come and eat Breakfast at Student House! Call 247-0506 or 247-8172 for directions!
11:11a: pika. every college student needs a halogen lamp! and the ideal place to acquire one? lechmere! cambridgeside outing with graham - he'll guide you through the overwhelming task of dodging through a mall unscathed and returning with a fine new light to illumine your new room! 492-6983 remains the number. not many more opportunities to call and get a ride... pretty soon you'll be dependent on saferide - take advantage!

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5:47a: Assassins' Guild. Let me guess, you forgot to sign up for Alien Conspiracy, didn't you? *sigh* mumble: "... darn kids these days..." Well, we'll give you One Last Chance. If you still want to play Alien Conspiracy on Thursday at 9 pm on the first floor of building 36 but forgot to sign up, send email to roads@mit.edu.*
8:30a: Association of Taiwanese Students. ATS CHINESE MOVIE MARATHON (free admission/drinks/snacks)
Host: Association of Taiwanese Students

Activities

All day: Chorallaries. Are you tired of singing the old-fashioned, barbershop a capella? Would you like to try singing something new and innovative? Then audition for The Chorallaries of MIT! We guarantee that you've never sung like this before! Call Stacy at x58792!
10:00a: Hillel. Hillel volunteers will help first year students move into their permanent housing (sign up at Activities Midway!)*
12:00p: AΦΩ. Community Service and Fellowship - Charles River Cleanup and movie W20-415, 3-3788, apo@mit.edu All are welcome!
12:00p: Joint Christian R/O BBQ. Come to the United Christian R/O BBQ at the 'nson

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In case of emergency, dial 100 from any MIT phone. Other important numbers: Campus Police: 253-1212; Med Center Emergency: 253-1311; R/O Center: 253-2500; UAA: 253-6772; Nightline: 253-8800; Delta Psi or St. Anthony Hall: please see No.6
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